Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There are now several Insurance Companies working in the State and no extra advantage was sought by starting a Government Insurance Company.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the various Insurance Companies that are working here have made any deposits or anything like that to safeguard the interests of the persons who have insured in those companies, so that at the time of maturity of the policies the insured may get the money back?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is no Insurance Act here and soon after an Act is introduced as was suggested by the resolution yesterday, all these points will be considered. But at present there are only companies that are registered in British India that are working here, and those companies are fairly protected by the Acts and Rules passed there.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* With regard to the distribution of the dividends in connection with the Travancore National and Quilon Bank crash, only such of the money that could be collected in Cochin was distributed amongst the Cochinites and the moneys that were collected in British parts were alone distributed there. Suppose the whole assets of the Bank were in British India at the time of the crash, according to the law prevailing at that time the people here would not have got a single pie. It is only in that aspect of the matter that I wish to bring this before the Government.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the outside Insurance Companies doing business here have made any deposits with our Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* No, because there is no Act here now to make them deposit any amounts. When the Act is introduced, all these will be done.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether in Travancore they are insisting upon these companies to deposit some amount?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* They have got an Insurance Act there, and under that Act they are insisting upon all these safeguards.

CONTRIBUTORY PROVIDENT FUND IN THE PLACE OF PENSION

40. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have considered the question

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of introducing the system of Provident Fund with Government contribution at 1 anna per rupee of the salary in the place of the present pension system, which is applicable to Government servants?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Government have considered the question and have decided that the present system of granting pensions should continue.

AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA— COMPLIANCE WITH ALL TERMS

41. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state whether all the terms of the agreement entered into with the Central Bank of India in regard to the management of the Treasuries have been complied with?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Yes; All the terms of the agreement have been complied with.

VENEREAL DISEASES—CHECK AGAINST

42. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many patients are coming to the Hospitals of the State who are either suffering from syphilis or from the after-effects of the same;

(*b*) is it a fact that more than 25 per cent of the population in the three big towns of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri is affected by syphilis directly or indirectly obtained or is suffering from its after-effects;

(*c*) have Government taken any serious step to check the spread of this foul disease in the State?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) The number of syphilitic patients that attended the 15 hospitals of the State during the year 1116 is 5,980.

(*b*) Government have no information.

(*c*) Patients suffering from syphilis are treated in hospitals. There is no organised campaign against the disease at present.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether there will not be many persons who are suffering from either syphilis or after-effects of syphilis who do not attend our Hospitals?

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